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SUBJECT: MEETING OF EXPERTS ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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1. IN CONVERSATION JAN. 7 MEL'NIKOV OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY
COMMENTED THAT RECENT MESSAGE FROM SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON INDICATES THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY NOW PREFERENCES
BEGIN MOSCOW MEETING OF EXPERTS ON INFORMATION EXCHANGE FEB.

20 RATHER THAN FEB. 3. WHILE SOVIETS ARE AGREEABLE TO
EITHER TIME FRAME PROPOSED (I.E. EITHER FIRST OR THIRD WEEK OF
FEBRUARY), MEL'NIKOV EMPHASIZED NEED TO OBTAIN FIRM INDICATION
WISHES OF U.S. SIDE BEFORE SOVIETS CAN PROCEED WITH FURTHER PLANNING.

2. MEL'NIKOV ALSO INDICATED THAT SOVIETS HAD PROPOSED FOLLOWING
AGENDA FOR MEETING THROUGH SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON BUT HAD NOT
RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE FROM U.S. SIDE:

 A) ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS - DISCUSSION OF
SCHEDULE FOR FOLLOWING TWO DAYS;
 B) EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND QUESTIONS ON PARAMETERS OF INFORMATION TO
BE PROVIDED - KINDS OF DATA WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A BASE FOR
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL INDUSTRIAL CONTACTS;
 C) ANY OTHER ISSUES EITHER SIDE MAY WISH TO RAISE.

3. SOVIETS ARE ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE SOONEST FOLLOWING INFORMATION

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ABOUT PROPOSED MEETING: A) PRECISE DATES PREFERRED BY U.S. FOR

FEBRUARY MEETING; B) MEMBERSHIP OF AMERICAN DELEGATION; AND C)
U.S. REACTION TO SOVIET AGENDA PROPOSALS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION REQUESTED
PARA 3 SOONEST IN ORDER TO COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR GROUP
WITH PLANS FOR OTHER BILATERAL MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MOSCOW DURING
FEBRUARY AS WELL AS EMBASSY PARTICIPATION IN EASTERN EUROPEAN
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD BERLIN
IN LATE FEBRUARY.

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